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### **Dhalla Gives Conservative Government a Big Fat 'F' on their First Budget**

Ottawa- The first Conservative budget failed to provide the vision for Canadians to succeed and Canada to prosper. The budget put forth has under promised and under delivered. Similar to the Speech from the Throne, the budget was vague and visionless. The Conservative Government has once again ignored the pleas of Canadian families to provide accessible, affordable, quality daycare.

The Conservative child care investment of 250 Million for the creation of spaces is a slap in the face of Canadian parents when compared with the 5 billion dollars investment made by the previous Liberal Government.

The budget instead of lowering taxes increased the personal income taxes from the 15%, previously implemented by the Liberals to 15.5%. This means that many people who got a refund for the 2005 tax year will end up paying in 2006.

Dr. Dhalla also expressed her disappointment in the lack of any new investment made in health care. "For a government that claims that public health care is one of its top priorities, it is unfortunate that the Conservative Government made no new investments in ensuring that Canadians receive quality public health care services," stated Dr. Dhalla.

To succeed in the global arena Canada must look forward and invest in Canadians. However, the Conservative government is establishing a clear pattern of narrow mindedness which only caters to the interests of a select few. They continue to put politics ahead of sound public policy that is beneficial to all Canadians.

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